



**City Of Scottsdale  
JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Marked Agenda  
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2013  
Human Resources Pinnacle Training Room  
7575 E. Main Street**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Donald Alvarez, Chair; Judge Bruce Cohen, Vice-Chair; Dr. Ira Ehrlich; Judge Thomas Le Claire; James Padish; Francis Scanlon; Kenneth Weingarten.

**PRESENT: Donald Alvarez, Chair, Judge Bruce Cohen, Vice Chair, Dr. Ira Ehrlich, Judge Thomas LeClaire, James Padish, Francis Scanlon, Kenneth Weingarten**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING CONDUCTED ON JANUARY 7, 2012**

*Action: Formal motion and vote to approve the minutes of the public meeting held on January 7, 2012.*

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion to approve the January 7, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted by Board Member Weingarten; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Ehrlich**

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

A Chair and Vice-Chair must be voted upon in the first meeting of each new calendar year to serve a one-year term. The Board will vote to continue the recently elected Chair and Vice Chair for the 2013 calendar year or may possibly nominate and elect a new Chair and/or Vice-Chair for the 2013 calendar year .

*Action: Formal motion and vote; possible nominations.*

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Weingarten to nominate Donald Alvarez for Chairperson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member LeClaire**

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Weingarten to nominate Judge Bruce Cohen for Vice Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member LeClaire**

**3. APPROVAL OF 2012 JAAB ANNUAL REPORT**



Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Valerie Wegner at (480) 312-7679. Requests should be made 24 hours in advance or as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For TTY users, the Arizona Relay Service (1-800-367-8939) may contact Valerie Wegner at (480) 312-7679.

Staff will present an annual report of Board activities for calendar year 2012 for review, approval and submission to the City Council.

*Action: Formal motion and vote regarding the 2012 annual JAAB report.*

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Ehrlich to approve the 2012 JAAB report as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member LeClaire**

**4. TIMELINE FOR JUDGE OREST JEJNA'S JUDICIAL REAPPOINTMENT**

HR staff will discuss the judicial reappointment timeline for Judge Orest Jejna and provide a status report on work completed to date. The reappointment timeline will be discussed and reference check assignments will be made to Board members.

*Action: For information, discussion and possible action.*

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Ehrlich that Board Members interview the attorneys on the staff list plus the prosecutors who have appeared before Judge Jejna in the last three months; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Scanlon**

**5. DISCUSSION OF ASSOCIATE CITY JUDGE TERM LENGTHS AND POSSIBLE ACTION WITH CITY COUNCIL**

The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board will discuss the City's judicial term lengths and take possible action to formally send a recommendation to Mayor and City Council to change the City's judicial term lengths to progressive 2/2/4 year term lengths or to possibly support and recommend another progressive sequence of term lengths for Associate City Judges.

*Action: For information, discussion and possible action.*

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Ehrlich to recommend that City Council amend the ordinance for judicial term lengths to be four years for reappointments after judges serve initial terms of two years; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Padish**

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Ehrlich that Sherry Scott draft the proposed amendment to the ordinance and a letter to City Council for signature by Chair Alvarez; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Cohen**

**APPROVED: 7-0; Motion by Board Member Weingarten that the same terms apply to Pro Tem Judges; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Ehrlich**

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS\***

*Action: No discussion, but possible direction to staff relating to placing items on future agenda(s).*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**6:56p.m.**

\*Note: The Board cannot discuss or vote on items not on the posted agenda, including items brought up as Board, staff or public comments, if any. If action by the Board is needed, the item should be placed on a future agenda in compliance with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.